(*c*) whether the present Director of Public Instruction has recommended for the appointment of that individual as the Financial Assistant contemplated by the new reforms ; and

(*d*) if so, whether Government have accepted it ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) Government have read the report.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes, as a temporary measure.

(*d*) No.

Handcuffing of accuseds in Municipal cases.

194. ❋**MR. G. NILAKANTAN** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state if it is usual for the Police to handcuff accuseds concerned in Municipal cases while escorting them to the Bench Magistrates' Courts ?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) : No.

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*) : May I know whether any complaint has been filed against the police by a person, for handcuffing the accused in a case charged under the Municipal Regulation and taking him along the public road ?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) : That is a difficult question to answer, because it is so general and vague.

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*) : I mean in the Puthenchanta Police Station.

PRESIDENT : Can the member furnish details of the case so as to enable the Government member to answer the question ? By whom and against whom ?

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*) : There is one Velu Asari, a respectable gentleman residing in Puthenchanta. He is also an ivory merchant. He was charged under the Municipal Regulation for which a warrant was issued. The police arrested him and took him along the public road under hand-cuff. He has filed a suit against the Puthenchanta Police for having taken him along the public road in the broad daylight. Is the Police Commissioner aware of this ?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) : I thank the member for the information. I shall certainly look into the case.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : Is it not a fact that the hand-cuffing of an accused by the police depends upon the question whether it is a municipal offence or non-municipal offence ?

Or, is it that the Police Officer is empowered to act under the Criminal Procedure Code ?

PRESIDENT : The question here is about the hand-cuff.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : May I know whether the offence is determined according to the municipal offence or non-municipal offence ?

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RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): It is a thing to be determined by the circumstances of the case, and the nature of the prisoner.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know whether there are any rules relating to handcuffing?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): Yes, there are a few rules.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Am I therefore to understand that it has nothing to do with the nature of the offence?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): Yes. But it has rather to do with the nature of the offender.

Transmission of registered decrees of Civil Courts.

195. ***MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the great inconvenience felt by the public on account of the delay in sending copies of registered decrees of the Civil Courts to the Sub-Registrars' Offices?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. The High Court have since issued a Circular directing the subordinate Courts to communicate promptly to the Sub-Registrars concerned the memoranda of decrees and orders passed by them affecting immoveable property.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether the Government are satisfied that the rules are being satisfactorily worked?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes a Circular has been issued in Kumbham 1109 and as far as Government know, the rules work satisfactorily now.

Assistant Superintendent of Survey.

196. ***MR. A THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before Government for appointing an outsider as the Assistant Superintendent of Survey;

(*b*) whether there are not in the Department officers qualified to hold that office and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the qualifications of the individual concerned and also the qualifications of the officer in the department next in rank to the Assistant Superintendent?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) and (*c*) The qualifications of the person proposed to be appointed as Assistant Superintendent of Survey and who is a native of Travancore are:—

(i) He is a holder of the M. A. Degree.

(ii) He has passed the Executive Officer's Account Test, Revenue Test, and Criminal Judicial Test of the Madras Public Service Commission.

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